

Board of Health Minutes

April 8, 2021

Attendance: Rita Metzger, Shirley Fessler, Jonathan Neils, Dr. Todd Nelson, Nick Muench, and Dave Nickels Also attending: Stephanie Lambert, Jessica Wanserski, and Bob Ziegelbauer. Excused: Shannon Wanek Absent: Dr. Brian Konowalchuk

Regular Business:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rita Metzger at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the March 11 2021 Board of Health meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Shirley Fessler and seconded by Nick Muench to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Health Officer Report

- COVID-19 Update
 - Stephanie Lambert reported that COVID19 cases remain well below the November peak. The 7 day average at the time of this meeting was 3.1 cases/day.
 - Stephanie also stated that the county continues to administer COVID-19 vaccines. The Health Department has successfully administered over 11,000 vaccines. More than 77% of adults 65+ have received their first dose, and 1 in 3 individuals overall have received a dose of vaccine in Manitowoc County. Clinics continue to be well-received by the community, though demand is beginning to slow.
 - Mobile clinics were successfully administered at Manitou Manor and the jail, and a partnership with ADRC is in place to begin vaccines for homebound individuals hopefully as soon as next week.
 - Lambert shared the success of a recent awareness campaign with Manitowoc Minute's Charlie Berens.
 - Lambert stated that the Health Department will continue to offer mass vaccination clinics until the public sector is able to absorb demand. She then hopes to pivot to serve vulnerable and difficult to reach populations such as homeless shelters, migratory workers, and those incarcerated.
 - Lambert reported that she issued a General Face Coverings Proclamation in response to the loss of the State Mask Mandate. Mask wearing is strongly encouraged but no order or mandate is in place.
- The Health Department will be hosting an employee retreat on the morning of Tuesday, April 27th.

Nurse Manager Report:

- Communicable Disease Report
 - o COVID-19 cases continue to be the most pressing communicable disease for the county. Case counts in March were fewer than in February with 95 cases confirmed, down from 165 the month prior.
 - o No other diseases of note were observed in March.
- Orientation with the Public Health Nurses continues to progress well.

Environmental Health Manager Report:

- Jessica Wanserski – License fees need to be adjusted to reflect the nomenclature change at the State level. Jessica has worked with Corporate Counsel to develop a resolution adopting the new Health Department Fee Schedule. No fees are being changed. This will go into effect May 1st.
- Nick Muench made a motion to approve the resolution, John Neils seconded the motion.

WIC Director Report:

- WIC final caseload for February was 897 participants, 553 families. Initial caseload for March is 906 participants and 552 families. The contracted caseload is 1,067 participants.
- There will be an increase in the fruit and vegetable cash value amount at the grocery store from June through September. The increase is to \$35 up from \$9 per child and \$11 per woman.
- The Farmer's Market will be starting in June, and will be \$30 per eligible participant. Infants 9 months and under are not eligible to receive. Previous years farmer's market has been issued per family.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be May 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Jon Neils and seconded by David Nickels. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:17.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Lambert, Acting Secretary